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## Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

## **Listing of Claims:**

## 26. (Withdrawn) A method comprising:

forming a protective coating of polypara-xylylene on an exposed surface of an integrated power device, including forming the protective coating on a conductive termination connected to a semiconductor in the power device; and

cutting a window in the protective coating using a laser to expose the termination.

## 27. (Withdrawn) A method comprising:

forming a protective coating on an expose surface of an electronic device, including forming the protective coating on a conductive termination connected to a circuit element in the electronic device;

making a window in the protective coating to expose the termination; applying solder to the portion of the conductive termination exposed by the window in the protective coating; and

encapsulating the electronic device in a potting material.

28. (Withdrawn) A method for use with an electronic device having a conductive termination pad and an electronic component connected to the pad, the method comprising:

applying a protective coating to surfaces of the termination pad and the electronic component;

cutting a window in the protective coating to expose the termination pad; and flowing solder into the window to make electrical connection between the solder pad and a circuit.

29. (Cancelled)

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30. (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising:

an electronic device having a <u>an outer</u> surface and a conductive termination on the surface;

a protective, conformal coating on the <u>outer</u> surface of the electronic device; and a window formed in the protective coating to expose a portion of the conductive termination[;], wherein the <u>exposed</u> portion of the conductive termination is recessed in the window of the conformal coating.

- 31. (Previously Added) The apparatus of claim 30 wherein the coating comprises a uniform thickness.
- 32. (Previously Added) The apparatus of claim 30 wherein the coating conforms to the geometric configuration of the electronic device.
- 33. (Previously Added) The apparatus of claim 30 wherein the coating comprises a polymer.
- 34. (Previously Added) The apparatus of claim 33 wherein the polymer comprises polypara-xylylene.
- 35. (Previously Added) The apparatus of claim 30 wherein the electronic device comprises an integrated power device (IPD).
- 36. (Previously Added) The apparatus of claim 30 wherein the electronic device further comprises a semiconductor.
- 37. (Previously Added) The apparatus of claim 30 wherein the electronic device further comprises power semiconductor.
- 38. (Previously Added) The apparatus of claim 30 wherein the window restricts the region of the termination to which solder can adhere, the exposed portion defining a location for a solder bond.
- 39. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 30 wherein the electronic device comprises a plurality of conductive terminations and the <u>conductive protective</u> coating comprises a plurality of windows <u>that each expose a portion of the conductive termination</u>, <u>wherein the exposed portion of each termination is recessed within the window of the protective coating.</u> --